

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2005

(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 17142 Rowe, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**
Jim Holley
Megan Norris **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

DC Ralph Godbee
DC Robert Dunlap
DC Chester Logan
Cmdr. Morris Wells
Cmdr. Daniel O'Neill
Insp. John O'Neill
Insp. White
Lt. Stowers
Lt. Ennis
Sgt. Kevin Miller

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director **(ABS)**
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Victoria Scott-Miller, Sr. Investigator/Community Affairs Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Jacqueline Fulbright

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Belinda Howard-Baker
Tania K. Walton
Richard Jones

Donald Sandstrom
Walter Brown
Rev. Ftr. Bob Kotlarz
Ms. Walters
Efiong Eniang
Jermaine Wyrick

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Holley called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:45 p.m.

Comm. Holley read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. Holley tabled the approval of the Minutes for **Thursday, June 9, 2005** until the next full meeting of the Board.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

See attached Resolution Honoring Reverend Steven J. Essenburg.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	27	635
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	39	657

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **15** cases this week.

- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **15** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **4** cases to OCI.

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

See attached report.

6. PRESENTATION – NINTH PRECINCT

Insp. John O'Neill gave a presentation and overview of the history and current status of the Ninth Precinct. According to the latest U.S. census figures, there are approximately 92,000 residents within the Ninth Precinct. Statistically, 47% are male, 53% are female. And, also significantly, 39% of the population in the Ninth Precinct are under the age of 18. So we have a very youthful population in the Ninth Precinct. Fifty-six percent (56%) of the population is composed of persons 21 and over. Only 5% percent of the population in the Ninth Precinct is 65 years of age or older. There are 14 public elementary schools, 4 middle schools, and 1 high school. The Ninth Precinct is the site for a number of crime prevention programs currently going on, both on the federal and local level. Our precinct is one of four precincts in the city selected to have the Weed and Seed Program which is coordinated by the U.S. Justice Department. The Weed and Seed Program has a four-prong approach to dealing with crime in the community. We have a law enforcement subcommittee of which I am the Chair. Community policing is another subcommittee that we have. We have a subcommittee on prevention, intervention and treatment. And finally, we have a subcommittee on neighborhood restoration. The Ninth Precinct Weed and Seed Program has been very effective. In fact, it has sponsored many community activities in the precinct especially those involving youth, including the Weed and Seed basketball league which is composed of six teams and is coordinated by the Ninth Precinct Community Relations Unit. A Weed and Seed baseball league will soon be started.

Recently, the U.S. Justice Department has selected the Ninth Precinct for the Safe Streets Program. Under the program, two special agents with the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Bureau (ATF) have been assigned to the Ninth Precinct. Their duties are to review all firearms arrests and determine if the perpetrator will be charged on the federal level, federally prosecuted, and

many of them are. Secondly, they also try to stop the invasion of firearms in the Ninth Precinct. There are 2 ATF agents assigned full time. We also

assign one of them to our Special Operations Unit. It has been a very successful program thus far.

The Ninth Precinct is also one of the precincts chosen for the Crime Stoppers Program sponsored by the Alliance for a Safer, Greater Detroit. Under the Crime Stoppers Program, citizens with information concerning felonies committed in the Ninth Precinct can dial 1-800-Speakup. They can receive a cash reward if the information results in an arrest or warrant. The Ninth Precinct has also been recently chosen for Project Gun Stop. Under this program, citizens with information specifically concerning gun related problems in the community can utilize that same number 1-800-Speakup and receive an award of up to \$500.00, if the information results in an arrest warrant being issued. We are very excited about being selected for these two programs and we hope we can reduce crime in the Ninth Precinct with both of these programs. Finally, on the street in front of the church is a speed monitoring awareness radar trailer, also known as SMART. We intend for this to be a very familiar site on the streets of the Ninth Precinct to reduce speeding and hopefully prevent accidents. Deputy Chief Godfrey and the Ninth Precinct Community Relations Council were instrumental in getting a grant from the Allstate Insurance Company to purchase it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Comm. Holley asked will we move it around?

Insp. O'Neill stated we are going to move it around, absolutely. Exactly. We are looking at accidents, complaints about speeders on side streets and main streets.

Comm. Holley asked if there is any monitoring to see if it makes a difference between prior to and after?

Insp. O'Neill stated we are going to do that also.

Comm. Holley asked if there was anything they could do as commissioners to help the Ninth Precinct?

Insp. O'Neill stated there was nothing specifically they could do but he appreciated their support. He acknowledged Marjorie Henry as a very active member of the community and big supporter of the police department.

7. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT AUTHORITY

Comm. Holley tabled the approval to Accept Grant Authority for Thursday, June 9, 2005 until the next full meeting of the Board.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Holley acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Lawana Ducker as the new Director of Police Personnel. He also acknowledged various individuals and public officials who were in attendance.

Comm. Holley, on behalf of the Chief of Police, recognized Police Officers Antonio Carlisi and Shawn Stallard for their outstanding work at the Ninth Precinct. They have been selected by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police for the Distinguished Service Award. They are receiving the award for an incident that took place in January, 2004 where they witnessed an armed robbery and took immediate action to apprehend the suspect.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 16, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Attorney Jermaine Wyrick expressed his displeasure with the way the Detroit Police handled a police run regarding a client who allegedly assaulted him. He feels that his mother was improperly arrested for Felonious Assault, while the client was allowed to go free. He also alleges that during her arrest, his mother was improperly touched by a female Hispanic officer.

Comm. Holley stated that his understanding is that Mr. Wyrick did file a report with the Executive Secretary.

Directive Goss stated that Attorney Wyrick did send a letter that was forwarded to the Office of the Chief Investigator and a report would be generated.

Comm. Holley stated let's just see where we are with it.

Interim Chief Inv. Sheard stated that we are in receipt of the complaint and it has been assigned to an investigator for investigation. As soon as the

investigation is completed, he will receive official notice. But prior to that, he will be contacted by the investigator in charge of his case who will gather any additional information.

Comm. Holley stated so you have everything you need from the attorney.

Interim Chief Inv. Sheard stated at this time, yes. We have a letter in the form of a complaint which is being produced into a CCR.

Comm. Holley asked based on your experience how long does it normally take for you to give a response? You don't have to be exact.

Interim Chief Inv. Sheard stated more than likely some time next week Mr. Wyrick will be contacted by an investigator who will collect any other information that is necessary for the investigation.

Comm. Holley stated he would do everything he could to be at next week's meeting to assure that a response is given to him and see where it goes from there.

Belinda Howard-Baker voiced her opinion on the Jermaine Wyrick matter and his complaint about a police officer coming to the aid of another person.

Comm. Holley stated he could not allow her to comment on Mr. Wyrick's complaint.

Sgt. Kevin Miller expressed how he is dissatisfied with the manner in which his harassment complaints regarding the Recruiting Unit have been handled.

Comm. Holley stated that a new Personnel Director will be starting on July 11, 2005 and to have faith in her. He asked that all parties come together to try to settle the situation, and to come back in two weeks.

Deputy Chief Godbee spoke on behalf of the Chief. He discussed the current budget dilemma and asked that City Council members be contacted and urged to seriously consider an amendment to their budget that would be restore some of the funding to the Police Department to lessen the blow.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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